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SUBJECT: PAK MIL SUPPORT IN BALOCHISTAN FOR OPERATION
MOUNTAIN THRUST

REF: GASTRIGHT-CROCKER EMAIL 23 MAY 06

Classified By: Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (S) Per SCA request (ref A), post offers this summary of Pakistani military operations in Balochistan in support of CFC-A Operation Mountain Thrust.

¶2. (S) On May 20, Coalition Joint Task Force (CJTF-76) and the Office of Defense Representative - Pakistan (ODRP) representatives met with Pakistan GHQ Military Operations (MO) Directorate and 12th Corps to coordinate Coalition and Pak Mil operations for Operation Mountain Thrust. Pak Mil said it would assign a regular Army brigade and 15 Baloch Frontier Corps (BFC) wings, as well as establish additional border posts to be staffed jointly by regular Army and (BFC) troops. Pak Mil will dedicate artillery, two battalion-size Quick Reaction Forces (QRF) and the BFC will request dedicated rotary wing aviation assets from the Ministry of Interior. Pak Mil's conceives a series of static posts, mobile checkpoints and QRFs divided into 6 sectors running from Zabol to Nimroz border area. U.S. and Pak Mil agreed that all the commanders involved in Operation Mountain Thrust will attend the southern Tripartite Commission (TPC) Border Security Sub-Committee Meeting on May 29, at which a schedule of flag meetings to coordinate details of the operation will be discussed.

¶3. (S) During the May 20 meeting, Pak Mil briefed that they have named their support Operation Nagehban (Guardian). As Pak Mil's analysis of 3 key crossing areas matches CJTF-76s analysis, these will be the focal points for Pak Mil operations:

Q.D.K Sector (opposite Zabol/ Maruf District)-- 1st key crossing site:
3 x FC Wings
31 x Posts in place
7 x new posts to be established
10 x QRFs to be established

BOLAN SECTOR: (Between Maruf and Spin Buldak)

2 x wings
13 x posts
6 x QRFs and 10 x posts to be established
1 x Regular Army Inf Battalion (minus 2 x Companies) to be added

PISHIN SECTOR (Spin Buldak)-- 2nd key crossing site
4 x wings
74 x posts
12 x QRFs to be established
1 x Regular Army Inf Battalion to be added

CHAGAI SECTOR: (Between Spin Buldak and Bara Cha)
3 x wings
28 x posts
3 x QRFs and 11 x posts to be established

DALBANDIN SECTOR (Opposite Bara Cha)-- 3rd key crossing site
1 x wing
1 x new wing to be established
13 x posts (with 12 more to be established)
4 x QRFs to be established

KHARAN SECTOR: (moves western part of Helmand to Nirmroz)
4 x wings (only 1 x wing on AFG border)
35 x posts
2 x QRFs to be established

¶4. (S) Comment: As with the nine other CJTF-76/Pak Mil coordinated operations, Pak Mil will not/not publicly acknowledge that they are engaged in this operation. ODRP

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and CJTF-76 will continue coordination and liaison with 12th Corps and Pak Mil GHQ throughout this operation.
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